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CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

BOUNDARY DISPUTES

NEWS

CBC Radio Nov. 22/84

In Winnipeg American Ambassador Paul Robinson said the Garrison Project will never be built because it is too expensive. It is unknown if this is Mr. Robinson's personal view of U.S. policy or official policy.

CTV National Nov. 28/84

A U.S. Congressional Commission studying the Garrison Project has recommended that the U.S. drop parts of the plan that would 'spill U.S. waters into Canadian drainage basins'. Canadian concerns have now been recognized as justified and it is believed that the project will soon be dropped from the list of Canadian-American grievances.

CBC-The National Dec. 13/84

Farmers in North Dakota want the Garrison Project to go ahead. Manitobans, for environmental concerns, don't. A U.S. Congressional Commission has two weeks to present its final report to the U.S. Government before it goes to Congress and if it resembles the preliminary report Canada will have scored a major environmental victory. However, North Dakotans say they have been sold out and will lobby against the Commission.

CBC Radio World at Six

A U.S. Commission is recommending a much smaller irrigation plan which it hopes will meet with Canadian approval. However, the Commission says the door should be left open to the original Garrison plan if it becomes necessary in the future and that 'pollution' as referred to in the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty should be redefined.

CBS Morning News Nov. 15/84

New England fishermen complain that the boundary favors Canada and the Canadian government subsidization of its fishing industry is unfair. The International Trade Commission is looking into an unfair competition complaint, and while it is not thought it is well founded, it is hoped it will at least bring Canada back to the bargaining table.

Scrum-SSEA Dec. 4/84

The government has not yet had an official request from the U.S. to delay the Georges Bank ruling, however, if it does, SSEA says "our very strong disposition would be to treat that Court (World Court) decision as final".

CBC World at Six Dec. 11/84

Saying he considers the World Court ruling as final, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark announced Canada rejected a request for a one-year delay in changing the international boundary line across Georges Bank.

CTV News Dec. 14/84

American Senator George Mitchell requested a delay from Prime Minister Mulroney on implementing the Georges Bank boundary to work out a new joint fisheries agreement. Mulroney refused to give any commitments.